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PERMEABILITY IN KARSTIC TERRAIN

PASS EDWARD MALLOY FROM CHIDESTER/USGS

WILLIAM BACK, HYDROLOGIST WITH USGS, HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM PETAR MILANOVIC, BELIEVED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE INSTITUTE FOR GEOLOGICAL AND GEOPHYSICAL RESEARCH AND STATIONED IN TREBINJE WITH THE KARSTIC TERRAIN GROUP, IN WHICH MILANOVIC PROPOSED TO COME TO THE U.S. FOR 20 DAYS TO WORK AT THE USGS EROS DATA CENTER ON THE APPLICATION OF LANDSAT IMAGERY TO HYDROLOGICAL KARST PROBLEMS. HE STATES THAT HIS TRIP WILL BE FINANCED BY THE BILATERAL US-YUGOSLAV COOPERATIVE PROJECT ON KARST HYDROLOGY - PRESUMABLY MEANING SUBJECT SFCP PROJECT. MR. BACK HAS TURNED THIS LETTER OVER TO ME FOR RESPONSE, AND I HAVE DISCUSSED IT WITH SCOTT KEYS, USGS PROJECT OFFICER FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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SUBJECT PROJECT. THERE ARE SEVERAL MAJOR QUESTIONS TO BE RESOLVED BEFORE USGS CAN RESPOND;

1. DUSAN ARANDJELOVIC THE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR OF 1429, DID NOT MENTION THIS PROPOSED TRIP OF MILANOVIC WHEN ARANDJELOVIC SPENT A MONTH WITH SCOTT KEYS IN THE U.S., ENDING ABOUT FEB 15, 1978. THE QUESTION THEREFORE ARISES

WHETHER ARANDJELOVIC HAS APPROVED THE PROPOSED TRAVEL -
AND THE CONSEQUENT EXPENDITURE FROM THE LITTLE REMAINING
FUNDS.

2. THE WORK PLAN IN THE AGREEMENT MAKES NO MENTION OF
APPLYING LANDSAT IMAGES TO PROBLEMS OF KARST HYDROLOGY.
IT THEREFORE SEEMS QUESTIONABLE WHETHER THE PROPOSED
TRIP COULD BE MADE WITHOUT AN EXTENSION AND AMENDMENT TO
THE AGREEMENT. CURRENT FUNDS SHOULD BE USED TO COMPLETE
THE WORK PLANNED IN THE PRESENT AGREEMENT.

3. PERHAPS A MINOR POINT - BUT USGS HAS NO RECORD THAT
PETAR MILANOVIC IS A COINVESTIGATOR ON SUBJECT PROJECT.

THE RESEARCH PROPOSED BY MILANOVIC MAY HAVE REAL
APPLICATIONS TO PROBLEMS OF KARST TERRAIN AND KARST
HYDROGEOLOGY. BUT UNLESS THE QUESTIONS RAISED CAN BE
CLEARED UP POSITIVELY, SUCH RESEARCH WOULD NOT APPEAR
PROPERLY TO COME WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE PRESENT PROJECT.
IN THAT CASE, USGS WOULD ENCOURAGE ARANDJELOVIC AND
MILANOVIC TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR AN AMENDMENT AND
EXTENSION TO THE PROJECT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE
PROPOSED RESEARCH ACTIVITIES.

WILL YOU PLEASE DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH ARANDJELOVIC,
AND OTHERS AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE, AND ADVISE USGS SO
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THAT USGS CAN RESPOND TO MILANOVIC. VANCE

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